

Director of Central Intelligence  
Security Committee  
Computer Security Subcommittee

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STAT 1. The one hundred and seventy-first meeting of the DCI SECOM  
Computer Security Subcommittee was held on 19 February, 1985 at the  
[redacted] McLean VA. The following persons were in  
attendance:

STAT [redacted] Executive Secretary  
Major Jack Freeman, Army  
Mr. Norm Clark, Navy  
Ms. Sue Berg, Navy  
Ms. Martha Tofferi, Air Force  
STAT [redacted] SECOM  
STAT [redacted] Chairman, SECOM  
STAT [redacted] ISSG

2. In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by  
the Executive Secretary.

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, and  
accepted as presented.

STAT 4. The Subcommittee was visited by [redacted] the  
STAT Chairman, SECOM. The bulk of the meeting involved a dialog between  
the membership and [redacted] concerning his perceptions of  
the Subcommittee, its goals, and progress toward those goals. He  
stated that the CSS is seen as "somewhat of an enigma"; it has not  
been producing a lot of output in recent memory. Additionally there  
was neither firm expectation of where the Subcommittee was going,  
nor of how and when it was going to get there. The membership, while  
accepting the criticisms, noted that there were several mitigating  
factors, namely the confusion over role and mission as a result of  
STAT the [redacted] activity, and the inability of the SECOM to secure the  
STAT levels of commitment originally required of the participating  
agencies. [redacted] noted that if there was no clearly  
articulated plan of action and indication of progress, then the  
responsibilities of the CSS will be absorbed by other groups; work  
that needs doing will get done, regardless of where the official  
responsibility lies. When asked what specific things the  
STAT Subcommittee could do to improve its image, [redacted]  
suggested that, as a start, we should make something happen on PC  
guidelines and on the re-write of the DCID. He further observed that  
little actually happens in full committee meetings, that real  
progress requires dedicated attention by a small subset of the  
members, and requires schedules (even if self-imposed). Other ideas  
put forth were:

- exchange of minutes with other SECOM subcommittees
- liaison/contacts across subcommittees (e.g., R&D)
- distribution of items of interest (e.g., DoDCSC EPL)

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5. A copy of the "Supplement to ...DCID 1/16" (basically, the Safeguards paper produced under the [redacted] activities) was distributed. There was considerable discussion of this paper, primarily centering about the issues of scope and applicability (i.e., it specifically applies to "critical systems", which are not explicitly identified), and technical merit (i.e., were the mechanisms called out really good ideas?).

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6. The next meeting was scheduled for 19 March 1985 at the [redacted] McLean VA.

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Executive Secretary